

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 5-7, 12, 13 and 19-25 will be pending in the present Application.

The present Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of final rejection raised by the Examiner, and is believed to place the Application in condition for allowance.

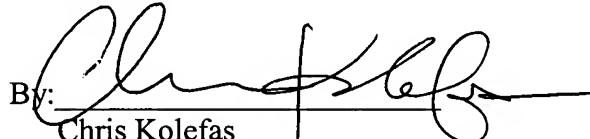
In the final Office Action of January 5, 2005 the Examiner indicated that claims 5-7, 12, 13 and 19-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend. In the Advisory Action of June 2, 2005, however, the Examiner indicated that all pending claims are rejected. In a telephone communication with the undersigned, the Examiner indicated that, in fact, claims 5-7, 12, 13 and 19-25 would be allowable as originally indicated. In reliance thereon and in conformity with the Examiner's suggestions, claims 5-7, 12, 13, 19 and 22 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they depend. These claims should now, therefore, be in condition for allowance. Claims 20, 21 and 23-25 depend therefrom and should thus also be in condition for allowance. All remaining rejected claims are canceled, without prejudice, by this Amendment and as such, all claims pending upon entry of this Amendment, should be in condition for allowance.

With respect to the other issues raised in the final Office Action of January 5, 2005, namely the objections to claims 3, 4, 8 and 16; the 35 USC 102 rejection of claims 1, 8, 11, 14-17 and 26; the 35 USC 103 rejection of claims 18, 39 and 40; and the 35 USC 103 rejection of claims 3, 4 and 44-46, these would be rendered moot by entry of the present Amendment and need not be addressed further herein.

In light of the foregoing, and upon entry of the present Amendment, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present Application would be in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment, favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this Application are therefore respectfully requested.

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